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Application of: Beat MOLLET et al. Confirmation No.: 6428
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(c)

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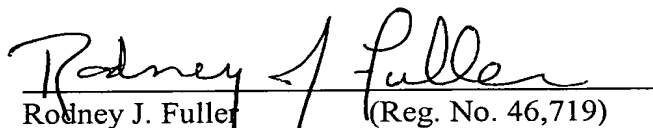
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for filing a Notice of Appeal from the decision in the Office Action mailed June 19, 2003, be extended for a period of three (3) months from September 19, 2003, to and including December 19, 2003.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$950.00. Please charge the required fee to Winston & Strawn LLP Deposit Account No. 50-1814. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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